Remarks

The amendments to the specification and the claims are made to conform to the requirements for patent applications in the United States. No new matter was introduced by such amendments. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX A – MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

1. ~~Method~~ A method for identifying a subscriber in a first ~~(11)~~ and a second ~~(12)~~ telecommunications network, wherein ~~according to which~~ the subscriber possesses a mobile telephone station ~~(MS) fitted with~~having a subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~, said subscriber identification module ~~including~~ comprising means to be identified on the first telecommunications network under a first identity ~~(IMS11)~~, as well as means to be identified on ~~a~~ the second telecommunications network ~~(12)~~ under a second identity ~~(IMS12)~~, ~~characterised in that~~ said methods ~~comprises the following stages according to which~~comprising:

defining the first telecommunications network ~~(11) is defined~~ as a priority with respect to the second telecommunications network ~~(12)~~;

~~when the subscriber identification module (SIM) is identified in the second telecommunications network (12), a check is regularly made~~checking to see ~~if~~ whether the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~ is inside ~~the~~ a coverage field of the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~, when the subscriber identification module is currently identified on the second telecommunications network, said checking being made by regularly re-~~initialising~~ initializing the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~; and

~~the mobile telephone station (MS) is in the coverage field of the first telecommunications network (11)~~;

identifying the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM) is automatically identified in~~ on the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~ under ~~its~~ the first identity ~~(IMS11) without requiring subscriber intervention~~ when the mobile telephone station is in the coverage field of the first telecommunication network.

2. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the identifying the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM) is automatically identified~~ on the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~ is performed automatically, even if the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~ is still located in ~~the~~ a coverage field of the second communication network ~~(12)~~.

3. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein ~~verification~~ the checking is initiated by a ~~command or~~ programme in the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~, said programme comprising a re-~~initialisation~~ initialization

command ~~(REFRESH)~~.

4. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 3, ~~characterised in that it comprises an additional stage according to which~~ further comprising:

deleting contents of a localization element in said subscriber identification module prior to said re-initializing~~sation~~ the mobile telephone station~~, the contents of a localisation element (LOCI) in said module (SIM) are deleted.~~

5. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that it comprises the additional stages according to which~~further comprising~~-~~:

~~the mobile telephone station (MS) leaves the coverage field of the first telecommunications network (11),~~

identifying the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM) is automatically identified in~~ on the second telecommunications network ~~(12)~~ under ~~its~~ the second identity ~~(IMS12) without action needing to be taken by the subscriber~~, when the mobile telephone station leaves the coverage field of the first telecommunication network.

6. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that the stage for~~whereinautomatically the identifying the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM) with~~ on the second telecommuniction network ~~(12)~~ under ~~its~~ the second identity ~~(IMS12)~~ further ~~comprises~~ comprises~~the additional stages according to which~~ :

~~□a loss of coverage of the first network (11) is observed,~~

~~□by means of said module (SIM) an identity activation element (ACTIV) is initiated and thus the second identity (IMS12) is activated,~~

re-initializing said mobile telephone station ~~station (MS) is reinitialised~~ after the second identity is activated by an identity activation element in said subscriber identification module when a loss of coverage of the first telecommunication network is observed.

7. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that it comprises an additional stage according to which~~ further comprising:

defining, prior to said re-initializing~~sation~~, the second telecommunication network ~~(12) is defined~~ in a networks selection element ~~(PLMN2)~~

as a priority with respect to other telecommunication networks and as secondary with respect to the first telecommunication network ~~(11)~~.

8. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the loss of coverage is established by means of a loss of coverage control element ~~(CNTRL)~~.

9. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the loss of coverage control element ~~(CNTRL)~~ is ~~initiated~~ activated after each information updat~~c~~ing of a ~~localisation~~ localization element ~~(LOCI)~~ by the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~.

10. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 8, ~~characterised in that~~wherein ~~said~~ the loss of coverage control element ~~(CNTRL)~~ is ~~initiated~~ activated periodically by ~~said~~ the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~.

11. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~wherein ~~said~~ the loss of coverage control element ~~(CNTRL)~~ uses an information command ~~(PROVIDELOCALINFO)~~to provide location information.

12. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that the stage for~~wherein the ~~automatically~~ identifying the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ on the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~ under ~~its~~ the first identity ~~(IMS11)~~ ~~comprises the additional stages according to which~~ further comprises:

~~the subscriber identification module (SIM) is identified in the first telecommunications network (11) by means of the second identity (IMS12),~~

a ~~c~~hecking ~~is made~~ to see if the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ is identified on the first telecommunication network ~~(11) by means of its~~ under the second identity ~~(IMS12)~~;~~,~~

activating the first identity, ~~(IMS11) is activated,~~ if the subscriber identification module is identified on the first telecommunication network under the second identity; and

~~a phase for~~ reinitializsing the mobile telephone station ~~(MS) is relaunched~~after activating the first identity.

13. ~~Method~~ The method according to claim 12, ~~characterised in that verification~~wherein the checking is effected with the aid of a~~n~~ localization element ~~(LOCI)~~ for localis~~z~~ing the subscriber identifiction module ~~(SIM)~~.

14. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein ~~re-initialisation~~the re-initialising the mobile telephone station is visible to the ~~user~~subscriber.

15. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the defining the first telecommunications network ~~(11) is defined~~ as priority with respect to the second telecommunications network ~~(12)~~ is accomplished by means of a network~~s~~ selection element ~~(PLMN2)~~.

16. ~~Method~~ The method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterised in that the phase for~~ wherein the re-~~initialising~~ initializing the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~ comprises ~~a phase for initialising~~ initializing the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ and ~~a phase for~~ recording on a network.

17. ~~Subscriber~~ A subscriber identification module ~~(SIM) intended to be associated~~ for use with a mobile telephone station ~~(MS) including~~comprising~~-~~:

~~-~~means ~~to be~~for being identified on a first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~ under a first identity ~~(IMS11)~~;

~~-means to be identified~~ and on a second telecommunications network ~~(12)~~ under a second identity ~~(IMS12), and~~;

~~characterised in that it further includes :~~

means ~~to~~ for defineing the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~ as priority with respect to the second telecommunications network ~~(12)~~;;

means ~~to~~ for ~~regularly~~ checking if the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~ enters ~~the~~ a coverage field of the first telecommunication network ~~(11)~~ when the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ is identified on the second telecommunications network ~~(12)~~ under ~~its~~ a second identity ~~(IMS12)~~, said checking means being able to regularly ~~reinitialise~~ re-initialize the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~;; and

means ~~to~~ for ensureing said subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ is automatically identified on the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~ under ~~its~~ the first identity ~~(IMS11)~~ when the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~ enters the coverage field of the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~.

18. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to claim 17, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the identification means ~~are~~ is able to identify said subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ automatically without the need for subscriber intervention ~~in~~ on the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~ under ~~its~~ the first identity ~~(IMS11)~~ when the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~ enters the coverage field of the first telecommunications network ~~(11)~~, even if the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~ is still located in ~~the~~ a coverage field of the second telecommunication network ~~(12)~~.

19. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to claim 17 ~~or 18~~, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said checking means ~~are~~ is ~~initiated~~ activated by a ~~command or~~ programme in the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~, said programme comprising a re-~~initialisation~~ initialization command ~~(REFRESH)~~.

20. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to ~~one of~~ claims 17 ~~to 19~~, ~~characterised in that it~~further comprising ~~comprises~~ means for deleting ~~the~~ contents of a localisation element ~~(LOCI)~~ included in the subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~.

21. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according ~~to one of~~ claims 17 ~~to 20~~, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~wherein the means ~~to be~~for ~~automatically~~ identifying~~ied in~~ on the second telecommunication network ~~(12)~~ under ~~its~~ the second identity is capable of being performed ~~(IMS12)~~ without requiring any user intervention.

22. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to ~~one of~~ claims 17 ~~to 21~~, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~further comprising an element ~~(ACTIV)~~ for activating an identity of the subscriber identifiction module ~~(IMSI)~~.

23. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to ~~one of~~ claims 17 ~~to 22~~, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~further comprising a networks selection element ~~(PLMN2)~~ capable of~~able to~~ defineing the second telecommunication network ~~(12)~~ as priority with respect to other telecommunication networks and secondary with respect to the first telecommunication network ~~(11)~~.

24. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to ~~one of~~ claims 17 ~~to 23~~, ~~characterised in that it comprises~~further comprising a loss of coverage of a network control element ~~(CNTRL) of a network~~.

25. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to claim ~~23~~24, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the loss of coverage of a network control element ~~(CNTRL)~~ is ~~able~~

~~to be initiated~~capable of being activated after each information update~~ing~~ of a ~~localisation~~ localization element ~~(LOCI)~~ by the mobile telephone station ~~(MS)~~.

26. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to claim ~~23~~24, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the loss of coverage of a network control element ~~(CNTRL)~~ is ~~able to be initiated~~ capable of being activated periodically by said subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~.

27. ~~Subscriber~~ The subscriber identification module ~~(SIM)~~ according to claim 25, ~~characterised in that~~wherein the loss of coverage of a network control element ~~(CNTRL)~~ uses an information command ~~(PROVIDELOCALINFO)~~ to provide location information.